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Education:

- Beloit College, B.A. (1969)
- Brandeis University, graduate study in American History (1970-71)
- Harvard Law School, J.D. (1975)
- N.Y.U. Law School, LL.M. (Tax) (1985)

Appointed:

- Bankruptcy Judge, Northern District of California (1985)
- Chief Bankruptcy Judge (1992-96)
- Ninth Circuit Conference of Chief Bankruptcy Judges (1992-96) Chair (1992-93)



- Executive Committee (1992-95)
- Ninth Circuit Judicial Council (1992-93)

Practice:

- Law Clerk to Chief Justice Thomas Roberts, Rhode Island Supreme Court (1975-76)
- Law Clerk to Chief Justice Donald Wright, California Supreme Court (1976-77)
- Cooper, White & Cooper LLP, San Francisco, California (1977-78)
- Deputy Director of Staff Attorneys Office, Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals (1978-84)

Professional Activities:

- Principal Drafter of the "Emergency Rule" (1982)
- Consultant to House Judiciary Committee Subcommittee on Courts (1984)
- National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges (1985-present)
- Board of Governors (1991-94)
- Chair of Liaison Committee to Federal Court Study Committee (1989-90)
- Chair of Liaison Committee to National Bankruptcy Review Commission (1985-98)
- Advisor to National Bankruptcy Review Commission (1995-98)
- Federal Judicial Center, Bankruptcy Education Committee (1994-97)

Publications:

- "Are the Jurisdictional Provisions of the Bankruptcy Amendments of 1984 Constitutional?" 9 Norton Bankr. Law Adviser 1 (Sept. 1984)
- "Distinguishing Core from Noncore Proceedings," 1 Norton Bankr.Law Adviser 2 (Jan. 1985)
- "The Case for Bankruptcy Appellate Panels," 1990 B.Y.U. Law Rev.545 (1990)
- "A Primer on Jury Trials in Bankruptcy Proceedings," 1 Ass'n of Bus. Trial Lawyers Report, Northern Cal., No. 2 (March 1992)
- "What You Need to Know About the Commission's Proposal on Single-Asset Real Estate," 31 Bankr. Ct. Dec. Weekly News & Comment (LRP) A3-4 (Nov. 25, 1997)
- "The Small Business Provisions of the 2005 Bankruptcy Amendments," 79 Am. Bankr. L.J. 645 (2005)

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